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SUBJECT: NURSES FOR AUH

REF: BEIRUT 8206

1. WE ARE PREPARING TO SEND 24 RPT 24 VOLUNTEER AMERICAN NURSES FOR DUTY AT AUH EARLY IN DECEMBER. VOLUNTEERS ARE EMPLOYEES OF US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND HAVE SPECIALI-ZATIONS REQUESTED BY DR. ASPER IN HIS CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT.

2. DR. ASPER HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND PROBABLY WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AUH IN THIS REGARD. HE WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR FURTHER DIS-
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CUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT AND AID AND WE WILL CONCLUDE

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ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIM AT THAT TIME.

3. IN VIEW OF OPENING OF BEIRUT AIRPORT NOVEMBER 19, WE ARE PLANNING SEND VOLUNTEER NURSES DIRECTLY BY AIR. AS DR. ASPER HAS INDICATED THAT ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS AT AUH PREPARED, SUGGEST EMBASSY AWAIT HIS RETURN TO BEIRUT BEFORE DISCUSSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AUH.

4. FYI: PHS VOLUNTEERS NOW PLAN ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON O/A DECEMBER 6 FOR BRIEFINGS BY JOINT STATE/AID LEBANON TASK FORCE. WE ESTIMATE NURSES WOULD BE PREPARED LEAVE FOR BEIRUT O/A DECEMBER 8. WE UNDECIDED AT PRESENT WHETHER TO SEND ENTIRE GROUP AT ONE TIME OR TO STAGGER DEPARTURES OVER SEVERAL DAYS. UOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION OR ANY OTHER MORE GENERAL COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE. END FYI.

5. WE WILL OF COURSE KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED OF PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. KISSINGER

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